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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Final Official Action dated, June 16, 2003, rejecting claim 104. Applicants have extended the deadline for responding to the Official Action until Monday, November 17, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b), a check in the amount of \$330.00 (Fee Code 1401) to cover the required fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-0540**. Two duplicate copies of this Notice are enclosed.

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